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SECRETARY'S MORNING SUMMARY FOR JUNE 8, 1989

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1. CHINA

A. SITUATION REPORT

MILITARY INTENTIONS IN BEIJING REMAIN UNCLEAR. IN THE CAPITAL'S DOWNTOWN AREA, LARGE NUMBERS OF TROOPS AND TANKS FROM VARIOUS GROUP ARMIES QUICKLY TOOK UP NEW FORWARD POSITIONS FARTHER AWAY FROM TIANANMEN SQUARE YESTERDAY, BUT SUPPLY TRUCKS AND TANKS HAD AGAIN MOVED INTO THE SQUARE BY THIS MORNING,

REPORTS.

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ON BEIJING'S PERIPHERY, AN UNEASY STALEMATE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN REACHED.

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] BUT THERE WERE NO SIGNS OF CLASHES YESTERDAY.

MORALE AND HYGIENIC CONDITIONS MAY BE DETERIORATING FOR MANY OF BEIJING'S MILITARY GUESTS.

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SOLDIERS IN THE CITY'S WESTERN SECTOR IN A STATE OF RELAXED READINESS--THEY HAVE NOT BEEN RESUPPLIED IN DAYS

—BUT AUTHORITIES WENT OUT OF THEIR

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TIANANMEN SQUARE RECEIVED HOT MEALS

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SOME MILITARY REGION COMMANDERS ARE ASKING
THE GOVERNMENT TO GRANT TROOPS PERMISSION TO "RAISE FUNDS
AND PROVISIONS" WHERE THEY ARE QUARTERED, ACCORDING TO
PRESS REPORTS.

SHANGHAI SEEMS TO BE RETURNING TO NORMAL TODAY; BARRICADES
ARE COMING DOWN, TRAFFIC IS MOVING WELL ON MAJOR ROADS,
AND PEOPLE ARE GOING BACK TO WORK. VIOLENCE BROKE OUT
YESTERDAY IN AT LEAST FOUR CITY DISTRICTS, AND STUDENTS
ATTACKED PEOPLE'S ARMED POLICE [PAP] OUTPOSTS, INJURING 71
PAP OFFICERS AND DETAINING 40 OTHERS

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UNSUBSTANTIATED RUMORS PERSIST OF THE
IMPENDING ARRIVAL OF PLA REGULARS IN SHANGHAI.

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B. HARD-LINERS DECLARE "CLASS WAR"

STATE COUNCIL SPOKESMAN YUAN MU SAID DURING A JUNE 6 PRESS CONFERENCE THAT "FOR A PERIOD, CLASS STRUGGLE [IN CHINA] WAS NOT STRESSED AT ALL, AND EVEN POLITICAL STRUGGLE WAS NOT STRESSED," ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. A CIRCULAR FROM THE PARTY'S CENTRAL DISCIPLINE INSPECTION COMMISSION CALLED YESTERDAY FOR "TOTAL SUPPRESSION OF THIS COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY REBELLION," EXPULSION FROM THE PARTY OF ALL WHO HAVE "PLOTTED, ORGANIZED, AND LED THE REBELLION," AND HARSH PUNISHMENT FOR ANYONE WHO HAS VIOLATED THE LAW.

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COMMENT: CALLS FOR CLASS STRUGGLE HAS VIRTUALLY
DISAPPEARED FROM THE CHINESE POLITICAL VOCABULARY SINCE
DENG XIAOPING CAME TO POWER IN 1978; PREVIOUS OFFICIAL
STATEMENTS ON THE PRESENT UNREST HAD FOCUSED ON A SMALL
HANDFUL OF MALEFACTORS.

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C. MILD RESPONSE TO US ACTIONS

A CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN YESTERDAY EXPRESSED
"PROFOUND REGRET" OVER PRESIDENT BUSH'S DECISION TO
SUSPEND MILITARY RELATIONS WITH THE PRC, ACCORDING TO
PRESS REPORTS. BEIJING RADIO CHARACTERIZED US PROTECTION
OF DISSIDENT FANG LIZHI AS "INTERFERENCE IN CHINA'S
INTERNAL AFFAIRS." FOREIGN MINISTER QIAN QICHEN'S JUNE
12-14 VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT THE
REQUEST OF THE CHINESE.

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D. SOVIET COMMENTARY HITS US SANCTIONS

A SOVIET PRESS COMMENTARY YESTERDAY CRITICIZED THE UNITED STATES FOR TRYING TO PUT PRESSURE ON BEIJING AND NOTED THAT THE SITUATION IS AN INTERNAL MATTER FOR THE PRC TO RESOLVE. THE CONGRESS OF PEOPLE'S DEPUTIES ISSUED A FORMAL STATEMENT ON JUNE 6 THAT NOTED THE DEMONSTRATIONS AND CASUALTIES IN BEIJING BUT ADDED THAT NOW IS NOT THE TIME FOR "UNCONSIDERED, HASTY CONCLUSIONS AND STATEMENTS."

COMMENT: MOSCOW REMAINS DETERMINED TO PROTECT ITS RAPPROCHEMENT WITH THE PRC. THE CONGRESS'S CAREFUL STATEMENT PARALLELS MOSCOW'S TREATMENT OF THE EVENTS SINCE THE WEEKEND MASSACRE--ESSENTIALLY REPEATING OFFICIAL CHINESE STATEMENTS FLESHED OUT BY A MINIMUM OF DETAIL FROM FOREIGN AND SOVIET SOURCES IN BEIJING.

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E. JAPAN TALKS TOUGH

VICE FOREIGN MINISTER MURATA TOLD THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR YESTERDAY THAT THE SUPPRESSION IN BEIJING WAS "UNACCEPTABLE FROM A HUMANITARIAN STANDPOINT" AND URGED THE PRC TO "EXERCISE RESTRAINT," ACCORDING TO EMBASSY TOKYO AND PRESS REPORTS.

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PRIME MINISTER UNO TOLD THE
DIET HE WOULD REFRAIN FROM "SAYING WHAT WAS RIGHT AND
WRONG" IN CHINA.

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2. CHINA: WHO'S IN CHARGE?

MILITARY MOVES AND COUNTERMOVES, CONFLICTING RUMORS ABOUT
DENG XIAOPING'S HEALTH, AND THE VIRTUAL ABSENCE FROM
PUBLIC VIEW OF ALL TOP LEADERS HAVE LEFT EVERYONE--IN
CHINA AND ABROAD--WONDERING WHO'S IN CHARGE. THE FORCEFUL
TAKEOVER OF TIANANMEN SQUARE AND CONTINUING MILITARY
ACTIVITY IN BEIJING MAY REPRESENT AN EFFORT

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THERE IS GOOD EVIDENCE, INCLUDING HIS APRIL 25 ENDORSEMENT OF A HARD LINE AGAINST DEMONSTRATORS AND THE MAY 20 MARTIAL LAW ORDER, THAT DENG XIAOPING WAS ACTIVE IN MAKING DECISIONS THROUGH THE END OF MAY.

HE WAS INVOLVED IN A MEETING OF 100 TOP LEADERS FROM MAY 23 TO 26 THAT APPARENTLY ENDORSED REMOVING ZHAO AND HIS CLOSEST SUPPORTERS; LIMITING THE PURGE OF OFFICIALS AND SCHOLARS; EXONERATING MOST STUDENTS, WORKERS, AND CADRE WHO HAD JOINED OR SUPPORTED THE DEMONSTRATIONS; AND USING THE MILITARY TO CLEAR TIANANMEN SQUARE AND PACIFY THE CITY IN PREPARATION FOR A FULL CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM IN EARLY JUNE.

PARTY ELDERS, MOST OF THEM FORMALLY RETIRED, PUBLICLY ENDORSED THESE DECISIONS IN LATE MAY, AND GUIDANCE WAS SENT OUT DETAILING HOW DENG AND ZHAO HAD PARTED WAYS.

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SINCE MAY 26 CREDIBLE RUMORS OF HEALTH PROBLEMS SUGGEST THAT DENG HAS BEEN LESS ACTIVE IN KEY DECISIONS. THE

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